

SENATE BILL 116

By Briggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 39, Chapter 15 and Title
49, relative to smoking on campuses of public
institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-4-121(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following language:

Smoking shall be prohibited in all buildings that are owned or operated by the state, except for those sleeping rooms in state park inns, cabins that are designated as smoking rooms or cabins, and as provided by § 49-7-135. It is the intent of the general assembly that all buildings that are owned or operated by the state, other than sleeping rooms in state park inns, cabins designated for smoking, and as provided by § 49-7-135, shall be completely smoke-free.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1803(a)(5), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following language:

(5) Educational facilities, both public and private, except as provided by § 49-7-135;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-135, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following language:

The administrative head of each public institution of higher education may adopt policies prohibiting smoking on the institution's campus, except for designated smoking locations. The administrative head is not required to provide an indoor smoking area in each student dormitory or other facility. The administrative head of each institution is

encouraged to provide for reasonable smoke-free zones at all building entrances and exits.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.